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Re: Application of Hideaki TADA, Mikio KONISHI and Daikichi FUKUSHIMA
Title: "NOVEL POLYPEPTIDES, DNAS ENCODING THE SAME AND
USE THEREOF"
Assignee: **ONO PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD.**
Our Ref: Q79834

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Continuation Application Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (Confirmation No. 2406) filed May 19, 2003, of Hideaki TADA, Mikio KONISHI and Daikichi FUKUSHIMA, entitled "NOVEL POLYPEPTIDES, DNAS ENCODING THE SAME AND USE THEREOF", which is a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) of Application No. 09/380,276, filed August 27, 1999, which is a National Stage Application filed under §371 of PCT Application No. PCT/JP98/00799, filed February 26, 1998.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, one (1) sheet of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application, 09/380,276. Also, enclosed are (1) a copy of the Assignment, (2) a Preliminary Amendment, (3) an Information Disclosure Statement accompanied with a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the prior application, and (4) a Request to Use Computer-Readable Form of Sequence Listing Submitted in a Co-Pending Patent Application in Accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.182(e).

The Assignment was recorded during prosecution of the prior application, 09/380,276, at Reel 010362, Frame 0356, on August 27, 1999.

The prior application is assigned Examiner Eileen B. Ohara in Group Art Unit 1646.

This is a Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of Continuation Application Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) filed May 19, 2003, which is a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) of Application No. 09/380,276, filed August 27, 1999, which is a National Stage Application filed under §371 of PCT Application No. PCT/JP98/00799, filed February 26, 1998; the above noted prior applications are all hereby incorporated by reference.

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Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
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The priority document was filed in the prior Application No. 09/380,276.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>24</u> - 20	=	<u>4</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$72.00</u>
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A Petition and payment for an extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith in Application No. 09/380,276. The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**Novel polypeptides, DNAs encoding the polypeptides,
and Utility of the polypeptides**

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

☒ was filed on February 26, 1998 as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number PCT/JP98/00799 and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information of which is material to the patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)

P. Hei. 9-43143

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I hereby claim the benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.

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